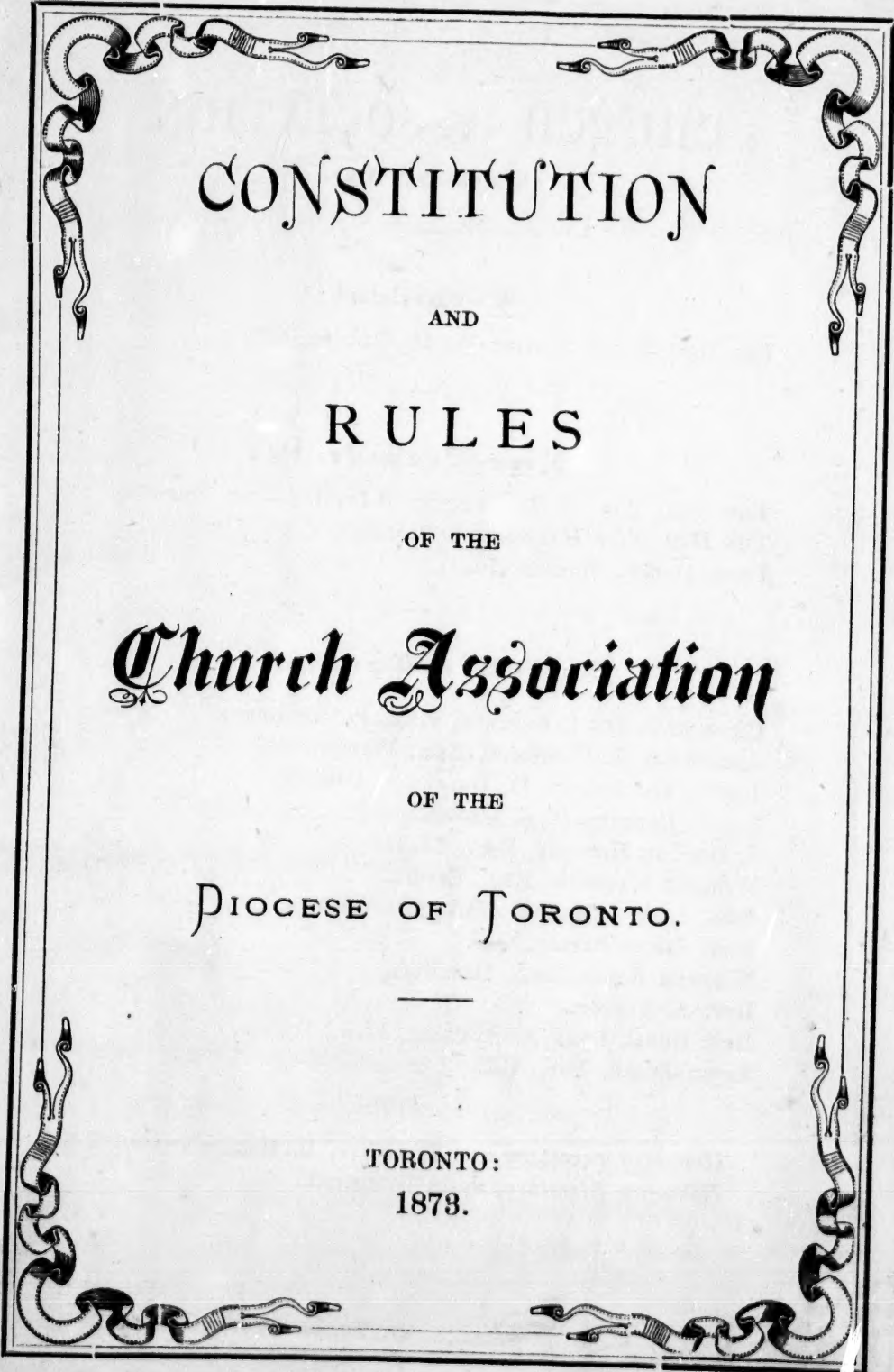






CONSTITUTION

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OF THE

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OF THE

DIocese of Toronto.

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The Church Association of Toronto.

RULES AND OBJECT.

I. NAME.

The name of this Association shall be, "THE CHURCH ASSOCIATION OF THE DIOCESE OF TORONTO."

II. OBJECT.

The object of the Association shall be to secure united action among members of the Church of England within this diocese for the following purposes.

1. To maintain the principles and Doctrines of our Church as established at the Reformation, and to preserve the simplicity of her Protestant worship and the purity of her scriptural teaching as derived from the Holy Scriptures, and set forth in the Liturgy and Articles of The Book of Common Prayer.

2. To oppose the dissemination of doctrines contrary to those authoritative standards of our Church; and to resist all unauthorized changes or innovations in her services as prescribed in the Prayer Book; and all novelties in vestments, decorations or practices, whether revived from pre-reformation times, borrowed from the Church of Rome, or introduced as rites and ceremonies hitherto unknown amongst us as a Church.

3. To cultivate an earnest spirit of brotherly union in accordance with the Apostolic precept; "that there be no divisions among you: but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment," and so to foster hearty co-operation in all efforts for the spread of the Gospel, the extension of the Church, the enkindling of a devoted missionary spirit among its members, and the maintenance of the doctrines for which so many noble martyrs of our Church, Bishops, Clergy and Laymen, witnessed a good confession in the dungeon and at the stake.

4. To diffuse information on all subjects specially affecting the welfare of the Church, and to aim at uniting all her members in a hearty and uncompromising maintenance of our most holy faith:

alike against tractarianism, ritualism, rationalism, or whatever other movements threaten to undo the great work of that Reformation to which we owe alike our English Bible, our English Prayer Book and that liberty of conscience which is our prized inheritance.

5. To extend co-operation throughout the Diocese, by forming branches of this association; by public meetings and by the agency of the Press: so that the members of our Church may be confirmed in the great principles which were reasserted in her Articles, at the Reformation; and "looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith" all may be encouraged and strengthened to "hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering."

III. MEMBERS.

1. The Association shall consist of ordinary, corresponding and life members.

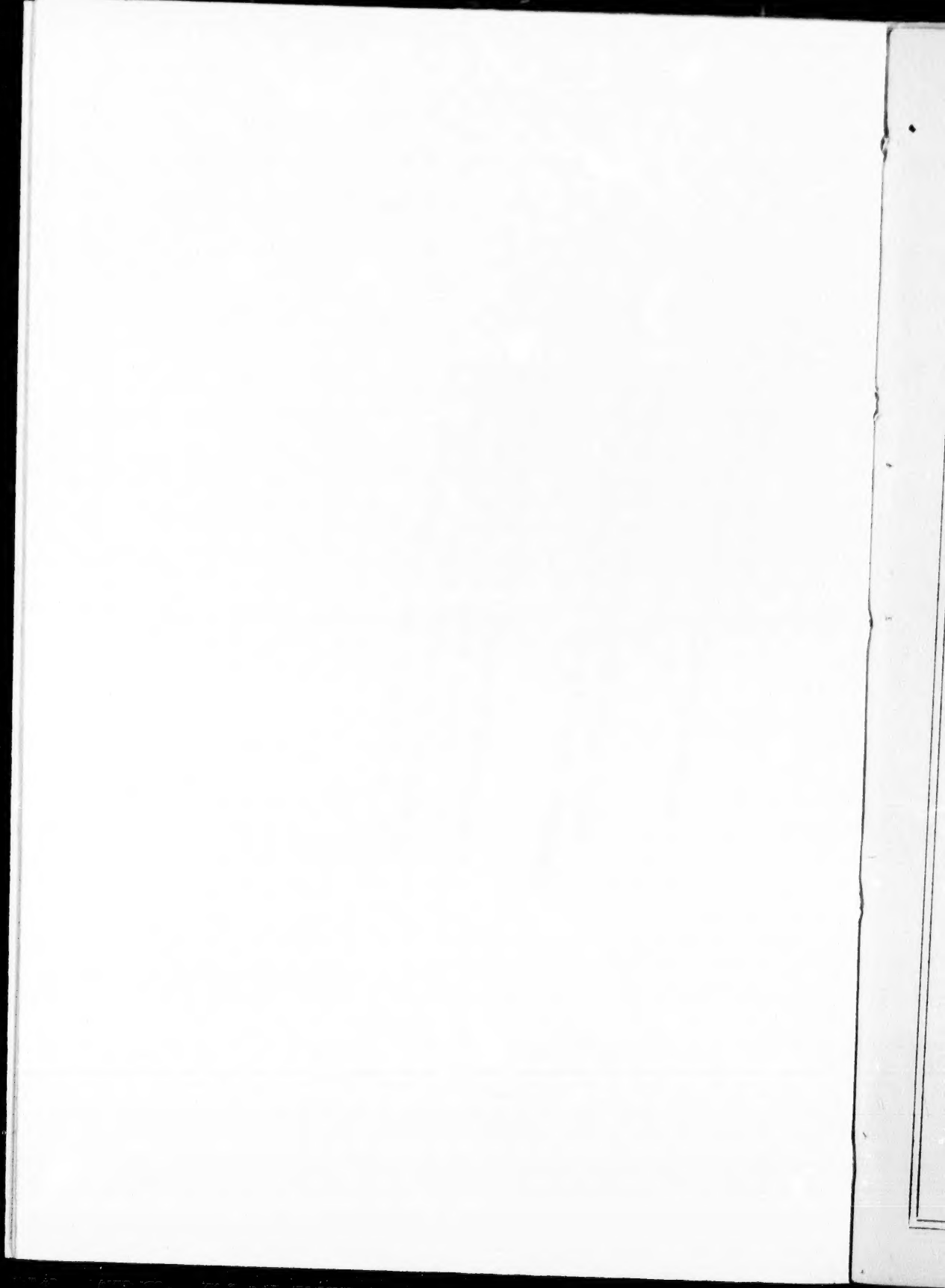
2. All members of the Church of England, male or female, within the Diocese of Toronto desirous of co-operating in furtherance of the objects of the Association who shall have been duly admitted, shall be ordinary members.

3. All members of the Church of England, who shall have been duly elected members of the Association and shall pay Twenty five dollars, shall be life members.

4. All members of the Church of England not resident in the Diocese who feel an interest in the objects of the Association, and who, on expressing their desire to be admitted to membership, shall have been duly elected by the votes of those present at a regular meeting, shall be corresponding members.

5. Corresponding members shall be entitled to be present at all meetings and to receive all printed documents issued by the Association, but they shall not be eligible for office.

6. New members may be elected at any regular meeting of the Association by receiving a majority of votes of members present, provided the names, recommended by two members, be sent to the secretaries at least ten days before such meeting.



IV. OFFICERS.

1. There shall be a President, and three Vice Presidents, residents of Toronto. All chairmen of branch associations shall be ex-officio Vice Presidents. There shall be two Honorary Secretaries, one of whom shall act as Treasurer.

2. There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of the President, Vice Presidents, Honorary Secretaries and twelve members.

3. The officers and members of the Executive Committee shall be hereafter elected by ballot at the annual meeting of the Association.

4. In case of any vacancy occurring by death, resignation, or otherwise, such vacancy may be filled at any regular meeting of the Association.

5. The President, or in his absence one of the Vice Presidents, or in their absence a chairman to be appointed, shall preside at all meetings of the Association and of the Executive Committee.

6. The Executive Committee shall have the charge of all details in carrying out the work of the Association, and shall meet at least once in every month.

7. Two Auditors shall be appointed at the annual meeting, one to be nominated by the Chairman, and the other to be elected by the meeting, whose duty shall be to audit the treasurer's accounts for the current year.

Y. PUBLICATIONS.

1. The Executive Committee shall print and circulate among the members from time to time, all such information as shall be deemed of value for promoting the object of the Association.

2. The Executive Committee may procure for circulation among its members, all such publications as shall appear to them calculated to further the same object.

VI. MEETINGS.

1. The Annual Meeting shall be held during the Session of the Diocesan Synod, on a day to be named by the Executive Committee of which due notice shall be given.

2. The Executive Committee shall report from time to time to the meetings of the Association.

3. Regular meetings shall be held quarterly at the time of the quarterly meeting of the Diocesan Committees, on a day to be named by the Executive Committee, of which due notice shall be given.

4. Extraordinary meetings may be held at any time, on due notice being given to the members, either on the authority of the Executive Committee, or by the summons of the President, or in his absence of a Vice President, on receiving a requisition for such signed by not less than twelve members.

VII. BY-LAWS.

1. The annual fee for membership shall be one dollar; in addition to which the Treasurer shall receive and account for all subscriptions and donations for carrying out the purposes of the Association.

2. By-Laws may be enacted amended or annulled by the votes of two-thirds of the members present at any regular quarterly meeting.

VIII. ALTERING THE CONSTITUTION.

1. No alteration or amendment of the Constitution shall be accepted, unless it has first been submitted in writing and read by the Secretary at one regular meeting, and accepted by the votes of three-fourths of the members present at a subsequent meeting.

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